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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

By this amendment, thirty-seven (37) total claims are pending in this application including eight (8) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed to cover the fee for one (1) additional independent claim not previously paid for. In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following proposed amendments and remarks. The proposed amendments are intended to place in a condition for allowance claims objected to in the Advisory Action as being dependent upon a rejected claim. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172. Please amend the present application as follows:

- > Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- > Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.